ANNOUNCEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 2ND MAY, 1995.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Madam, with your permission, I rise to announce that the Government business in this House for the next week will consist of :—

1. General Discussion on Railway Budget for 1995-96.

2. Discussion on the Resolution regarding Railway Convention Committee (1991).

3. Consideration and return of the following Bills as passed by Lok Sabha:—

(a) The Appropriation (Railways) No. 2 Bill, 1995.

(b) The Appropriation (Railways) No. 3 Bill, 1995.

4. General Dicus ion on the General Budget for 1995-96.

RE. SITUATION IN TAMIL NADU

SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala): Madam ..(*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Baby, one second. I have been informed that Mr. Sikander Bakht has made a request to the Chairman. He has to go for a meeting. So he has requested that he may be permitted to speak first. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M. A. BABY: I want to raise the issue of the Constitutional crisis in Tamil Nadu. Does he want to speak on the same subject?

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): Yes. I want to speak on the same subject, if you permit me.

SHRI M. A. BABY: Yes, (*Interruptions*)

SYED SIBTEY RAZI (Uttar Pradesh) Madam, I am on a point of order. It is a question of procedure in this House. I understand that the situation, the political situation, the Constitutional situation in Tamil Nadu is going to be raised in the Zero Hour here. My submission is this. Definitely, it is a matter of great public importance. But the sensitivity and the intricacy of the matter should also be kept in mind. When we discuss the situation in Tamil Nadu, the conduct of the Governor may come up; when we discuss the situation in Tamil Nadu, the passing of a resolution by the State Legislature may come up. When we discuss that situation, various reactions may come and in such a situation, the things which we could not discuss during Zero Hour may be taken up by the hon. Members. My objection is, if it is a matter of great public importance, then the procedure and the rules provide that we can take it up under the Short Duration Discussion, where, if the Chairman is satisfied, after calling for such information from the Member who has given notice and from the Minister, as he may consider necessary that the matter is urgent and is of sufficient public importance to be raised in the Council at an early date, he may admit the notice and in consultation with the Leader of the Council fix the date on which such matter may be taken up for discussion and allow such time for discussion, not exceeding two and a half hours as he may consider appropriate in the circumstances. My submission is that the Government version should also come in respect of the suggestion made by the Members. During Zero Hour we cannot raise a question which involves a Constitutional point. Our convention in the House is that we do not discuss the conduct of the Governor. Now, the question that the Tamil Nadu Assembly has raised is that the appointment of the Governor should be discussed with the Chief Minister. (*Interruptions*) Madam, you have permitted me. I require your ruling. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have permitted him. He is the Deputy Leader of the Party. He has a right to speak. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*)